

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 4, 2008

6:00 P.M.

Mayor Ronnie Torres called the Regular Meeting of the Belen City Council to order at 6:00 P.M. Roll call taken by Sally G. Garley, City Manager.

PRESENT:

Ronnie Torres, Mayor
David Lopez, Mayor Pro-Tem
Terese Ulivarri, Councilor
Wayne Gallegos, Councilor
Rudy Jaramillo, Councilor

CITY STAFF:

Sally G. Garley, City Manager
Audrey Torres, Procurement Specialist
Manny Garcia, Fire Chief

OTHERS:

Norman McDonald, P.A., City Attorney
Jackie Schlotfeldt, VCNB
Gilbert Tabet, Circle T
Jacquie Martinez, Molzen Corbin & Associates

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Ronnie Torres asked Jackie Schlotfeldt Martinez to lead the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Ronnie Torres requested approval of tonight's agenda. Councilor Rudy Jaramillo so moved to approve as amended. Mayor Pro-Tem David Lopez seconds the motion, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meting: July 21, 2008

Mayor Ronnie Torres requested approval of the minutes for July 21, 2008. Mayor Pro-Tem David Lopez so moved to approve. Councilor Terese Ulivarri seconds the motion, motion carried.

CITIZENS PETITIONS:

Mayor Ronnie Torres asked if there was anyone with a citizen petition, no further petitions were presented.

- 1. Manny Garcia:** Fire Chief wanted to publicly thank the young adults that were involved in the summer recreation program this year. If you noticed throughout the City, the curbs in front of the fire hydrants are painted red. These young adults came in and did that public service for us and he just wanted to thank them publicly.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF AUTHORIZED GRANTEE REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS: Sally G. Garley, City Manager

Mayor Ronnie Torres read the next agenda item in reference to approval of a resolution authorizing to sign the agreement and appointment of authorized grantee representatives for the water system improvements as presented by Sally G. Garley, City Manager. Sally Garley advised this action is for approval of signatory authority on a two hundred and fifty thousand dollar grant for the water system improvements and is appointing Mildred Garley, Finance Director and herself.

Mayor Ronnie Torres asked if there were any questions or comments from Council if none he so entertains a motion. Councilor Terese Ulivarri moves to approve. Mayor Pro-Tem David Lopez seconds the motion, motion carries.

RECOMMENDATION TO AWARD THE ARSENIC TREATMENT: Sally G. Garley, City Manager

Mayor Ronnie Torres read the next agenda item referring to the recommendation to award the arsenic treatment as presented by City Manager, Sally G. Garley who advised she had a recommendation from the evaluation committee to award the bid for Arsenic treatment to Molzen Corbin and Associates.

Mayor Ronnie Torres asked if there were any questions if none he so entertains a motion. Councilor Terese Ulivarri asked where the funding is coming from. City Manager, Sally G. Garley advised some will come from legislative appropriation and the difference we do not have yet, but it has been applied for.

Mayor Ronnie Torres asked if there were any further questions. Councilor Terese Ulivarri moved to approve. Councilor Wayne Gallegos seconds the motion, motion carries.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

CITY MANAGERS REPORT:

City Managers report is attached hereto and made an integral part of these minutes by reference.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY COUNCIL:

Councilor Rudy Jaramillo: police night out has always been a success for the community and has always been something well worthwhile. In addition, as Sally mentioned the crews did a tremendous job and response for the flooding. He called the street department, the area was barricaded immediately, and the second time Manny was there right away but those kids keep driving right through those puddles and makes the water move. He went around the second time and the area of Acoma and Laguna were being pumped immediately, so great response. We have learned quite a lot from what happened two years ago and the City responded tremendous. The music fest was a great success there was many people there. Teachers luncheon at the chamber at the country club Thursday at noon anyone from the council if they want to attend I am sure they would appreciate that.

Councilor Wayne Gallegos: a couple of items on the library advisory we held our quarterly meeting and one of the things we did was go over the ordinances because they are old and need to be updated. In addition, the friends of the library put out a newsletter, which gives an update, and there will be an annual book sale to be held on October 16 for the friends and the 17th for the public. During the meeting, we did note that there are more libraries in the state so of course the funding has to go around to more places and state aid is short. They are also looking for a library page. They also had a summer program for the kids and whoever read the most books have to enter a drawing. We are waiting on the final on the building.

Sally G. Garley, City Manger advised that a walkthrough was done last Friday for about two and one half hours, there is a punch list, and once that is completed, it should close the project. Councilor Gallegos continue and advised a couple of important things he wanted to know where the nameplates were from a memorial that was there. Sally G. Garley, City Manger she would check on the nameplates and the intent of the memorial at the library, which was an issue that was confusing. A lengthy discussion ensued in reference to the intent of the memorial at the library.

A citizen on Reinken and Mesa wanted to thank the City for removing the limbs while he was working on them. Apparently, he went inside for a drink of water and when he returned they were gone but did not know who had done it.

Also he got a complaint about the horn blowing at the Rail Road yard about two weeks ago on a Thursday it apparently blew for five minutes straight and they were not sure if it was an alarm of what was happening, the did get the number of the train and it was brought to our attention and wanted us to follow up on it. Sally G. Garley, City Manager advised she was contacted and apologized for not following up on that yet.

The last thing was the flooding there were many positive comments on it, there were some things we need work on, and we are working on it. However, the one that was left behind on the second rain was Aragon Road it had a lot of damage once it goes over the bridge. Sally G. Garley, City Manager advised we need to work on that with the County Officials, who said they were trying to work on something to divert the water South it is just going to slow it down.

Councilor Terese Ulivarri advised she did check on it and half of the water is coming out of the burrow pit and the other half is coming from those houses but it is not the houses. Actually, it is County water coming down and making all the destruction for citizens on Aragon. Aragon was like a river.

Councilor Wayne Gallegos advised it was a watershed from the Mesa he was glad to see our drainage specialist and another engineer ride through the flooding and the day after because we are working on a master drainage program. They were able to actually see it and not just on paper.

Mayor Ronnie Torres: national night out hopefully everyone gets to go great things. Manny thanks for all your work on the flooding thing, we had one good thing that worked and that was Impala holding pond and another one was First Street. It is nice to see that little by little we are chipping away at some of the hot spots, next will be Camino Del Llano and Aragon and Gabaldon. Thanks to everyone's' help and response. We have contacted the Rail Runner they are going to be working with us and coming down for the Fiestas so if you know anyone let them know to take the train and we will have someone there to pick them up. One other thing we are working on is to improve the rider ship. August 6th is the County Commission meeting and mayor's are getting together to attend in support of the 911 Resolution be put on the ballot. The crew from Swing vote wanted to pass on that they were thankful to the community and employees of the City like the fire and police who helped with the filming.

Councilor Terese Ulivarri: attended a water board meeting and an RTD meeting and passed a resolution which is a 1/8 for transportation to send to counties to be placed on November ballot and the 16th the resolution goes to transportation within the region and then to the train. They are looking at 26 million per year if it passes. The employees, during the rainstorms, did an incredible job but the second rainstorm was on a Sunday and there were limited employees out there because it was their weekend but the ones that did show up did a fantastic job. Everyone knows his or her job, it is neat how it works, and everyone works together.

The large pond in front of the community center is filled again, which is amazing because that is a lot of water and it took three days to pump it. When we need them everyone shows up and does their job. These one hundred year floods are starting to be hitting every two years or even every other week we had two episodes within a week of each other. Congratulations to everyone and kudos to the whole employee system of the City of Belen who did a great job and worked well together.

Mayor Pro-Tem David Lopez: last Friday a Congressman, Joe Baca, was here in town and it a Congressman from California who is running for re-election he was here last week and briefed the Council on projects that he has going on that affect municipalities and across the nations. Veterans affairs was one of his topics he was explaining and it was nice to see him here. Times when we go to DC, it is good to have contacts like him because he helps get legislation passed

and writes letters of support for projects we are working on so it is an asset to the City of Belen. As everyone already reported, National Night Out was a good night to come out, have free food, and enjoy company. There were many prizes and there were many children, as he has seen over the past few years have been underprivileged children, and they have walked away with some neat prizes. It warms your heart to see the community come together, the police department gets many donations and many prizes for these kids and that is a good thing. School, another year is just around the corner and starting on August 11 so be careful with all of them out and about.

Mayor Ronnie Torres asked Chief Chavez for a listing of those businesses that helped them, include them in our next city newsletter, and thank them.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Torres called for executive session

Mayor Ronnie Torres	Yes
Councilor Rudy Jaramillo	Yes
Councilor Wayne Gallegos	Yes
Councilor Terese Ulivarri	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem David Lopez	Yes

Mayor Torres reconvened this regular meeting and stated for the record that no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Ronnie Torres asked for a motion to adjourn tonight's meeting.

Councilor Rudy Jaramillo moved to adjourn this meeting. Councilor Wayne Gallegos seconds the motion, motion carried.

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Ronnie Torres, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sally G. Garley, City Manager